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Assistance to Niger, which is severely affected by floods

The General Assembly,

Seriously concerned at the loss of human life and unprecedented destruction of property, dwellings and infrastructure caused in recent months by the severest floods recorded in the history of Niger,

Recalling that Niger is one of the least developed countries and one of the poorest according to the human development index,

Considering that the extent of the disaster and its short- and long-term effects require, as a complement to the endeavours of the Government and people of Niger, a humanitarian contribution from the international community to undertake relief and rehabilitation operations,

Considering the appeal made to the international community on 19 August 1998 by the Government of Niger for assistance in dealing with the disastrous consequences of the floods,

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1. *Expresses its solidarity with and support for* the Government and people of Niger at this difficult time;

2. *Calls upon* all States Members, the specialized agencies and other agencies and organizations in the United Nations system, as well as the financial institutions and non-governmental organizations, to extend generous assistance to Niger in support of the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction operations and programmes it is undertaking with a view to dealing with the disastrous consequences of the floods;

3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the States Members and international organizations, non-governmental organizations and individuals that have so generously helped the Government of Niger to take the first immediate relief measures;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all the arrangements for the mobilization and coordination of the humanitarian assistance of the international institutions and specialized agencies in the United Nations system in order to support the endeavours of the Government of Niger.